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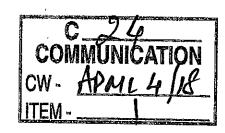
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## Re: OPAFILE OP.13.013; ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.13.036 – ISIJ of Toronto, 9000 Bathurst Street, Vaughan, ON

I am emailing you as I cannot attend the meeting personally on April 4th, 2018 at 1:00 pm with regards to the Jaffari Development in the area, as captioned above.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the City staff, Deputy City Manager and all others for coming up with a committee of the whole report dated April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and recommending to the council that they have no objection with our revised application. This revision was a result of working group, the community and the city staff.

As a member of Jaffari Community Centre, I am excited to learn that we are getting very close to our application being approved, subject to the council voting on our application and making that decision on April 11, 2018. This is a long time coming for us and as a community we want to contribute positively to the Canadian Society.

While the Committee of the whole report deals with most of the technical aspects of the application and the objections raised by Preserve Thornhill Woods Community. I would like to address two specific objections

1) That this is a SEGREGATED community: This comment, is far from truth we as a community have always contributed positively to the society. In the links below, you will find that we have received Harmony award, participated in the out of the cold programs, provided to the hospitals and refugees etc.

## Links:

https://www.harmony.ca/blog/2015/08/19/2004-temple-har-zion/

https://www.yorkregion.com/community-story/7170861-faith-based-organizations-form-ring-of-peace-around-vaughan-mosque/https://www.yorkregion.com/community-story/6799118-vaughan-muslim-organizations-offer-syrian-refugees-free-dental-screening-job-workshops/

https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/5263972-interfaith-dialogue-more-important-than-ever-leaders-say/https://www.yorkregion.com/community-story/1461411-latif-fazel-supporting-your-hospital-is-supporting-your-community/https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/1438411-emergency-shelter-set-to-open-in-vaughan/Thornhill places of worship joining interfaith celebration

2) That the development will increase density and generate heavy traffic in the in the area. We have always worked with our neighbors to alleviate the traffic concerns and have had the services of the police and shuttles in the area to mitigate any disturbance. The City is aware of these arrangements. These arrangements are made only on the high holiday and it is not always the case.

We hope to hear a favorable decision from you.

Thanks George Shivraj